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*Publication of " Mezhichelvam."*

* 605 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of SRI K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have stopped publishing " Mezhichelvam ", a Tamil monthly ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

*Complaint against the bad quality of rice supplied from Coorg.*

* 606 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 6th March 1954, from the President, Tellicherry Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Malabar, complaining against the bad quality of rice supplied from Coorg and the consequent loss on the society in having been compelled to stock large quantities ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Collector of Malabar has been requested to investigate and report on the complaints made in the memorandum. Action, if any, will be taken by Government on receipt of the Collector's report. Since this answer was prepared, the report has been received and action has already been taken. The price of Coorg rice has been fixed as that of II sort rice."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Formerly we were told that there was some complaint about the rice imported from Andhra into Malabar that it was red. May we know what is the nature of complaint about the rice imported from Coorg? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As long as Malabar continues to be chronically deficit, these complaints cannot be avoided."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Despite repeated representations made on the floor of this House and the representations made by the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar that bad quality rice was continued to be supplied to them, even III grade rice imported into Malabar is marked as I grade. Will the Government make immediate enquiries into the matter and punish the officers responsible for this gross negligence and calculated mischief? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as this particular question is concerned, with regard to the Coorg rice I gave an assurance that I will send for samples of that rice and take action. I did send for this sample. Except for certain red grains being present in it, the quality is fairly good. In spite of this, I have taken into consideration the various complaints and have downgraded this rice and its price has been reduced. As for the general complaint, I am sorry such general complaints are being made without reference to the actual state of affairs. Perhaps, the hon. Member is speaking about the state of affairs that existed some one year back."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" குடகிலிருந்து நாம் அரிசி வாங்கி அனுப்பினால் மலபாரில் இருக்கின்ற மக்கள் புகார் செய்துகொண்டேதான் இருப்பார்கள் என்று சொல்வதினால் குடகு மாகாணத்தை ஐக்கிய கேரளத்தோடு சேர்த்துவிடுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்வார்களா ? " (சிரிப்பு.)

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the great disparity in price between the rice sold in Malabar and the rice sold in the adjoining areas, may I request the Hon. Minister to reconsider the question of abolition of the zonal system, especially with reference to Coimbatore and Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is a different question and it was dealt with quite exhaustively during the budget discussion and I had given the reasons why the zonal system cannot be abolished now."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it permissible to transport foodgrains within the zonal area? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no ban on the movement of foodgrains within the zone, Sir."

*Illicit cutting of trees in the reserve forests in South Kanara.*

* 607 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 9-a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have received any petitions, dated 8th December 1952 and 5th August 1953, from one Sri K. K. P. Rama Poduval with regard to large-scale illicit cutting of trees from Reserve and Revenue forests in South Kanara district ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government."

608 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I request that this question be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes ; I will pass on to the next question."